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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *A. Infante*

RE: **Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College - Charter Renewal Recommendation**

Rhode Island General Law 16-77-5.1(b) designates the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education (the Council) as the authorizer for charter schools. In this capacity, the Council is responsible for charter school approval, renewal and revocation. RIDE is delegated with the authority and responsibility to manage a comprehensive system of charter school accountability, review, monitoring, and system management. With the support of RIDE's charter team, the Council plays a fundamental role in maintaining and advancing the quality and accountability of the charter sector.

RIDE has developed the charter performance framework that is based on Rhode Island's lessons learned and national best practice of charter school authorizing to inform charter renewal decisions. This process has brought clarity on each charter's performance annually, and ensure consistency of decisions that prioritize each school's academic performance.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education move to renew the charter of Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College for 2 years, for the term beginning with school year 2021-22, expiring at the end of school year 2022-23.

Enclosed Documents:

The following documents provide further detail regarding the Commissioner's recommendation and analysis contributing to that recommendation:

- Commissioner's Recommendation Overview: including an overview of the charter.
- Annual Performance Dashboards: containing detail on performance ratings for each school and each year of the charter's term.

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Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College

Overview of Commissioner's Charter Renewal Recommendation

Recommendation: 2-Year Renewal

Charter Overview:

Current Charter Overview			
Charter Type	Independent	2018-19 Grades Served	9-12
School-Year Opened	2011	2018-19 Enrollment	272
Current Charter Term	2016/17 – 2020/21	Authorized Enrollment	272
Enrolling Communities	Statewide	Location(s)	Providence

School Mission and Model	
School Mission:	The mission of the Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College is to prepare a diverse group of students to become the highly educated and professional nursing workforce of the future.
School Model:	Student learning at the Nurses Middle College includes: hands-on skills practice; cutting-edge healthcare “webinars;” lectures and “master classes” from visiting health care professionals; field studies in hospitals and nursing homes; practical internships, one-on-one mentoring, industry networking opportunities, and much more. RINI’s education program is intensively focused on mathematics and science, to prepare students for higher education and careers in health care. All incoming students receive a Chromebook with web access that they can take home each day for continuous 24/7 learning. Students graduate with a high school diploma, a work force certificate with real health care experience and earned college credits toward a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Overview of Charter Performance Ratings:

The following table depicts the charter’s performance according to the Charter Performance Review System. For more detail on performance ratings, please see the charter’s renewal report and annual performance dashboards.

Current Performance Ratings: Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College					
Indicators		SY16-17	SY17-18	SY18-19	SY19-20
Academic	(1A) School Performance	M	DNM	A	NA
	(1B) School Comparison	NR	DNM	DNM	NA
Sustainability	(1) Financial	M	A	M	M
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	M
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	A

Ratings Key			
E	Exceeds Expectations	DNM	Does Not Meet Expectations
M	Meets Expectations	NR	Not Rated
A	Approaches Expectations	NA	Not Applicable